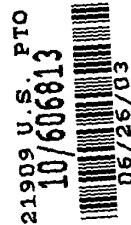
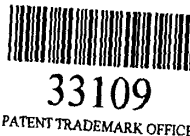




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Re:    Applicant(s):    Vargas, Jaime; et. al.  
     Assignee:        Cardica, Inc.  
     Title:            Sutureless Closure and Deployment System for Connecting Blood  
                         Vessels  
     Customer No.:    33109



Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a **continuation** application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending U.S. Patent Application serial no. **10/233,011**, filed on August 12, 2002 by the following named inventors:

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- (b) Yencho, Stephen A.;
- (c) Nielsen, Jamey;
- (d) Hendricksen, Michael;
- (e) Hausen, Bernard A.

Small entity status is hereby claimed.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior U.S. Patent Application serial no. 10/233,011 as originally filed on August 12, 2002, including copies of the specification, claims and drawings. A copy of the executed oath or declaration as filed in U.S. Pat. No. 6,428,550 (serial no. 09/314,278), which is the parent application to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/946,791, which is the parent application to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/223,011, is also enclosed. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Assignment to Vascular Innovations, Inc. of U.S. Pat. No. 6,428,550, which is the parent application to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/946,791, which is the parent application to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/223,011, is recorded at reel 010525, frame 0609. The change of name from Vascular Innovations, Inc. to Cardica, Inc. in U.S. Pat. No. 6,428,550 is recorded at reel 012563, frame 0861.

An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(d) and MPEP 609(I)(A)(2), copies of references that have been considered by the Examiner in the

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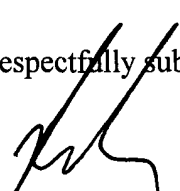
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